

Appl. No. 09/964,767  
Amdt. dated January 6, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of November 26, 2003

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of their application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 22, 24 and 28 would be allowable if re-written as independent claims. Applicants have re-written claims 22 and 24 as independent claims. Applicants have amended claim 27 to include the language from dependent claim 28.

Applicants reserve the option to file a continuation and/or divisional applications.

It is respectfully submitted that remaining claims 22, 24 and 27 are now in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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